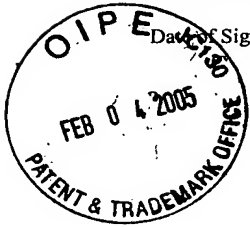
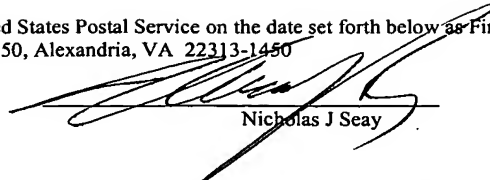


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RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:


By an Office Action dated October 6, 2004 in the file of the above-identified application, the Patent and Trademark Office imposed a requirement for restriction on the above-identified application. The Examiner classified the claims as belonging to two groups and required the applicants to elect one group. In response to that requirement for restriction the applicants hereby elect Group I, with traverse.

The applicants also respectfully traverse this requirement for restriction because it not believed that these claimed inventions are really separately useable. The chambers described in Claim 2 is designed specifically to embody and perform the method of Claim 7. A search of the subject matter of either group would inevitably involve a search for the subject matter of the other. Accordingly, for the convenience of the Patent Office and the applicants, it is respectfully requested that this requirement for restriction be traversed and withdrawn.

The requirement for restriction further included an additional restriction within Group II. Since the applicants have elected Group I, the applicants are not required at this time to respond to that subsidiary requirement for restriction.

This document is submitted with a separate petition for extension of time so that it will be considered as timely filed. Please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,



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